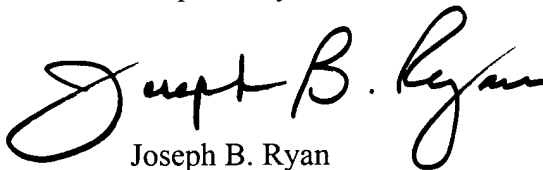


### REMARKS

The present application was filed on October 27, 2000 with claims 1-22. In the Office Letter, claims 8-11 and 19-22 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 8-11 and 19-22 in independent form. Independent claims 1 and 12 have been canceled. Dependent claim sets 2-7 and 13-18 have been amended to depend from independent claims 11 and 22, respectively.

In view of the amendments, Applicants believe that claims 2-11 and 13-22 as amended are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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